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**MICU Future Planning/Medical Directors
Meeting Minutes
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Dr. John Brennan called the meeting at 9:00 a.m. The following issues were discussed:

1. Research – Dr. Brennan stated that the changes in store were being actively pursued, in order to be consistent with the Federal Laws.
2. HCFA – Dr. Nevins stated that in July HCFA put it in writing that we can continue to bill as we have been. Also they also said that we would be receiving reimbursement at the new rates. HCFA still has not published the new regulations yet.
3. Rapid Sequence Induction - Dr. Waxler reported that OEMS has added RSI to the new regulations and that they have mailed out the Program outline. The next phase is to work out when, how, where, who to initially train, and who to do the training. The program will consist of four hours of lecture and four hours of practical skills.
4. N.J.A.C. 8:41 Revisions – Dr. Nevins reported that the OEMS had presented the Specialty Care Transportation portion of the new regulations on Thursday, September 7, 2000. During this presentation OEMS stated that they have rewritten N.J.A.C. 8:41 and included SCTU. OEMS is going to repeal the existing chapter and substitute the revised one. OEMS has also given us the opportunity to make comments prior to the publication of the new regulations. If we don't make any changes now, it may up to a year from now, before we can make changes again. I also support having the Standing Orders committee take the new ALCS algorithms and incorporating them into the new regulations.
5. Standing Order – Dr. DesRochers reported that the Standing Orders committee has been looking at extending the ACLS algorithms prior to contacting Medical Command.
6. Medications – A discussion took place of the cost, validity, and time line of implementation for Amiodarone and Vasopressin. It was also discussed that we don't necessarily have to act on the new ACLS guidelines and/or medications at this point in time. After the discussion it was decided to present the medications for a vote in the Council meeting for adoption as optional medications.